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ENGLAND'S failure in the European Championships is a bitter pill to swallow. The fact that it was the Italians who put an end to our chances makes it even harder to accept.

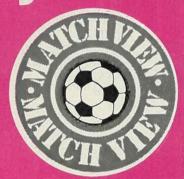
No England supporter can forget that it was Italy who qualified for the last World Cup at our expense. And no England supporter will ever come to terms with their style of play, so apparent in the cruel treatment of players like Tony Woodcock, Garry Birtles and Kevin Keegan by Gentile, Tardelli and Co.

But let's not fall into the trap of blaming our defeat on the many fouls and intimidating tactics of the Italians. That would be avoiding the issue.

Of course, it doesn't help. It frustrates sides and makes it difficult for teams to establish any pattern of play, but we knew what to expect

England didn't play badly. They competed well in the tackle and played with authority in midfield, but it was in the last third of the field that we fell down. No one could question the effort and bravery of our front runners, but it is still painfully obvious that we are unable to break the grip of man for man marking. The Italians are masters in this department and in a game which hinged so much on the first team to score it was the deciding factor. Maybe the pace and flair of a Francis or Cunningham was needed.

But let's not be too despondent. Italy are the host nation and few teams score against them on their own soil Though failure against Italy is a



crushing blow for Ron Greenwood he must remind himself of his statement earlier in the Championships. "I believe we are the best in Europe at the moment," he said before the Belgium game — one defeat doesn't mean he was wrong



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Monster smash

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HORST HRUBESCH, the man they call "the Monster" scored the goals which won the European Championship for West Germany on Sunday night.

The big striker from Hamburg had hammered Germany into a tenth minute lead, then rose majestically to head the winner just 90 seconds from the end of a thrilling final.

It was Germany's second Championship win in three attempts having won it in 1972, and lost the final on penalties to Czechoslovakia four years ago.

four years ago.

But full credit to Belgium, they battled hard, shrugging off their defensive tag and thoroughly deserved their 71st minute equaliser, though millions of TV viewers would argue that the tackle Stieleke made to halt the Van der Elst break was made OUTSIDE the penalty area.

However, Vandereycken took his chance well to cancel out the fierce shot with which Hrubesch had finished off a Schuster-Allofs one-two early in the game.

Third place in the tournament



went to Czechoslovakia on Saturday, when Graziani had equalised Jurkemic's firecracker shot, then the Czechs edged in 9-8 on penalties.



Horst Hrubesch . . . Germany's two-goal match-winner

Total football the only way



Kevin Keegan . . . disappointed England failed to show their true form.



DISAPPOINTMENT. That's the one word that sums up my feelings about the European Championship Finals . . . from a general football point of view, the England team's point of view and my own personal point of view.

Personally, I was not able to find the sort of form that I have in the past for England, but there's no doubt that opposing teams tried very hard to shut me out.

It's not a new problem but sometimes you can overcome it and sometimes you can't.

The Belgian side shut us out with their offside trap. Italy were good at man to man marking and I had Marco Tardelli on me the whole game. He didn't get it all his own way, but I didn't score.

From a team point of view we never really played like we know we can, but I dare say that if we started all over again we could win the Championship.

So what went wrong? You can't blame it on the long season in England — the season's are long and hard in every country.

I don't think there is any way

you can fault the boss or the rest of the England staff. The fact is we came here with a reputation that we didn't live up to. You can go on all day looking for reasons why.

I think Ray Wilkins, Kenny Sansom and Phil Thompson played well for England but there were a lot more below par performances.

I must say that while in the end the difference between getting to the Final and not getting to the Final is worlds apart at the same time it is all desperately close — one lucky break or one decision against you can make all the difference.

Up until the final two matches the Championship certainly wasn't a very good advertisement for football generally.

Take Belgium, for instance, our first opponents in Turin. Although they reached the Final they disappointed me because they were so negative.

Possibly if we had known that they would be using the offside trap so much it may have been different, but we were

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Arconada, the Spanish keeper foils Kevin Keegan during the 2-1 England win in Naples as Wilkins looks on.



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Zamora 7.

England: Clemence 7, *ANDERSON 8.
(Cherry), Thompson 7. Watson 7. Mills 6,
Hoddle 7 (Mariner), McDermott 7. Wilkins
7, Brooking 7, Keegan 7, Woodcock 7.

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ENGLAND'S two Bundesliga strikers, Kevin Keegan and Tony Woodcock did not deliver the goods in Italy against tight continental man-to-man marking

That was Ron Greenwood's simple explanation for England's European

Championship flop.

The cool and diplomatic England manager told MATCH WEEKLY: "If our two had been on song during the competition, like Germany's Rummenigge an outstanding player — it would have made a lot of difference.

"This is the type of player you must have to wreck these man-to-man marking systems. We had three players who could do it. But the two who were available

didn't actually do it on the day."

The England boss admitted that the first two games were vital. "They were the most important of all. They were very evenly balanced and we didn't get much luck," and he agreed that the absence of Trevor Francis, one of Europe's most feared strikers, was sorely missed.
"We missed him very badly. He is one of

those players with the pace and skill to

beat markers.

England's successes?
"Phil Thompson had a magnificent tournament playing three games as 'libero' or sweeper, quite a different role to the one he is used to at Liverpool. He showed what a good player he is and I am sure he made people sit up and take notice. We shall have to cultivate this sort of player."

And what next?

The World Cup in Spain is a long way off. I am not going to guess what can happen between now and then but I am sure we have some very good young players coming through

"Kenny Sansom and Ray Wilkins have both done well. The problem is scoring goals and in the modern game it now seems this is becoming increasingly the duty of the midfield man.

"This is where you need strength, skill and pace . . . players like Cuelemans and Rummenigge. I am sure we have the players and that English football is on the way back."

RIGHT: Spain's Santillana wins this aerial duel against Dave Watson, one of the few England successes in Italy.

BELOW: It's there! Tardelli wheels away after scoring Italy's match-winner against England. Gentile (7) celebrates.





STEVE COPPELL'S ROME DIARY

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

UP AT 9am and on to a training session after breakfast at the Hasta Hotel. We were talking with the press before a lunch of cannoloni and lamb (which was a change) and about 1pm I went back to my room.

At 4pm we had a private

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training session and talked about the game against Italy on Sunday. Terry Venables had watched Italy v Spain and he passed on any knowledge he had picked up from that game.

What we wanted to do was to get the full-backs — Kenny Sansom and Phil Neal — more involved because we realised that marking would be tight on our forwards and midfield players. I think it came off on Kenny's side in the match.

The training session over, we went back inside the hotel to watch the game between Germany and Holland. I thought it was a great win for Germany.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

IT WAS 10am when we got up and then went out for a very light training session at the hotel. We were really just left to do our own thing — much as happens at Manchester United on a match day. At United we usually just go for a walk in the morning.

Myself and Dave Watson

Myself and Dave Watson played about with a ball for 20 minutes and then we all had five-a-side matches. Joe Corrigan's a good bloke to have around in five-a-side. He's a good finisher. Peter Shilton, on the other hand, deserves all the stick he gets.

Chicken omelette for lunch and then off to bed. It was about 6pm when we left for the stadium on the bus.

As usual we all went out to have a feel of the pitch and the crowds were more or less all inside by then. We got quite a hostile reception from the Italian fans and some of the players were pelted as they walked towards the tunnel and Emlyn Hughes had a firecracker land on the back of his neck. But I think the reception Manchester United got from the Juventus fans in the same stadium was worse.

As for the match itself, I think both sides created

We

chances. I felt if anyone was going to win it would be us. Italy were getting chances but they were falling to the wrong people. Graziani had a great chance early on but missed it. We were unlucky when Kevin's little flick just slipped past the post, but I always felt the match would only provide one goal at the most and it was Italy who managed to get it.

After the match the atmosphere was pretty awful—two years work and this was the result. We all realised that our chances of reaching the final were finished. No-one had to say anything but I thought we played quite well and Ron Greenwood came in and said: "Well done lads. I couldn't have asked for any more."

It was quite a long time before we left the stadium because of all the television and press interviews and it was 12.30 when we arrived at the Hasta hotel. pea

MONDAY, JUNE 16
WE HAD to have our cases
packed for 10am because they
were being transported to Vietri
Sul Mare near Salerno — our
next base for the game with
Spain in Naples. We took a
coach ride to Milan and then
flew down to Naples.

I think the feeling of the lads that morning was one of determination to do well against Spain.

The flight to Naples took just over an hour (when we finally got off the ground) and then it was a 45-minute coach ride from the airport to our new hotel. It's a holiday resort hotel and built right on the cliff edge. You go down instead of up to reach the bedrooms because they are built down the cliff face. It's not a bad view but they are building some kind of new jetty so there are diggers and plant equipment around. Still, I prefer this place



Here I exchange words with my Italian marker Gabrielle Oriali.

THE KEVIN KEEGAN COLUMN

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confronted with the problem for the first time during the match and that made it difficult. Defensive football seems to be the trend in football today — Nottingham Forest were the same in the European Cup. But we are not a defensive team and won't be

I'm sure under Ron Greenwood.
It's nice to see teams like
Argentina and the way in which
they won the World Cup and
that's why I hope West
Germany are European
Champions when you read this.

They have played total football.

I thought we were certainly worth a draw in our game with Italy . . . at least a draw. We were very disappointed after that game but we went out against Spain as determined to get a good result even though we couldn't get to the Final. If you can't win you want to come second, if you can't come second you want to be third and so on.

The trouble with our group was we didn't really know what a good result was against Spain. Certainly there were a lot of basic mistakes in that match and the number of chances was ridiculous for football at International level.

If we haven't learned anything from our games in Italy then we are never going to get any better.

We know now what we have to do. We have to go in one direction or the other — go for total football or defensive football. I hope it will be total football.

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goalless draw on TV. to the last one.

Everyone was very tired so we weren't long going to bed, but a few of us went for a little walk first, including myself, Dave Watson, Terry McDermott and Emlyn Hughes.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17 WE WERE woken up by the sound of a pneumatic drill as work started outside. We had breakfast in the room at 9am and we were down for 10.30am to go training.

The boss told me he was leaving me out of the side before training started. He said he felt the players he was leaving out needed a rest. I was a little bit disappointed but I didn't take it as a personal afront.

Everyone badly wanted to get that third spot in the Championships to restore some pride and you will know now whether we managed that.

After lunch I went shopping in Vietri Sul Mare, then watched Czechoslovakia draw with Holland and after a steak and soup dinner, saw the Greeks hold the Germans to a

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18 MY ROOM-MATE Dave Watson and I were rudely awoken by the sound of builders near the hotel. After breakfast (decent milk on my cornflakes at last!) it was down to the local stadium for a brief training session.

We didn't get lost this time on the way to the Sao Paulo stadium and when we got there it was a strange feeling just having to hang around before taking my seat on the opposite side to the dressing rooms.

After an ice cream and a chat with our United coach Tommy Cavanagh I settled in my seat but it was an odd feeling tackling every tackle and jumping for headers in my mind, but it was a relief in a way to be out of the spotlight for a change.

The game was like a comedy of errors and up to the Spain penalties I thought we were in for a comfortable win but we had to settle for 2-1 and hope for a Belgium win against Italy to put us into the third place play-off.

It wasn't to be as we saw

when we got back to the hotel to see the second half on TV.

If we could have jumped on a plane there and then we would have done - we were drained and so disappointed.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19 AFTER a couple of bottles of wine the previous night we hadn't got to bed until 1am, but were up at 8.30am and after breakfast I bought some natty, Garry Birtles style red shorts and Peter Gabriel tapes, before returning to lunch and egg and

chips . . . it was great. After lunch Mick Mills, Ray Wilkins and Dave Watson left for Rome to see the Final, some of the Liverpool lads met their wives and stayed at the hotel for a holiday. I couldn't wait to get home and finally left for the airport at 6pm.

Looking back on the Championships, I wonder if we peaked against Argentina, too

We've learned a lot, especially the younger players and the future of English football is looking good. We just didn't jell



Europa 80

on the park at the right time. By the time you read this I'll be in hospital recovering from a hernia operation. I have not been looking forward to it. I started getting pains last December but it didn't affect me on the field.

Still, it's only a small op and has to be done, then I'm off with Andy Ritchie and our girlfriends for a two week holiday

Speak to you again soon. (As told to Paul Stratton)



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NOT since the spring of 1970 have the champagne corks popped to celebrate a championship at Everton.

And last season's League record was the blackest since the club were relegated to Division Two in 1951. They returned to the top grade in 1954 and after a few lean years only once finished outside the top six from 1960.

Since their last championship, however, the Toffees have gone through a sticky ten years, resulting in last season's low.

But with the determination of men like Lee and Lyons in the ranks, Everton are sure to make a brave bid for glory once more.

Everton

When winning's no longer important, players won't get booked' — Lee

MANAGER Gordon Lee admits that when it came to stamping down on Everton's dismal on-field discipline last season he was helpless.

"There was not much I could do about it," he said.

"We have a code of conduct which fines players but different people react differently on the pitch. Some, of course, can control themselves well.

"But you find that most teams

down at the bottom have got bad records. While we were doing well for the past two seasons we didn't have many cautions. When you play well you play economically and there is not so much physical contact.

"The teams at the bottom get more involved in the hurry skurry and so you get more cautions.

"And of course we've been involved in a lot of cup ties last season which means you risk

even more," said Lee who joined Everton from Newcastle in February, 1977.

"We had four sendings off.
Two were in cup ties, one was in
a derby and the other was at
Wolves

"When winning stops being important players won't get booked," he added.

Below left: Everton's 1979/80 highlight, beating Ipswich in the FA Cup Quarter final.

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GORDON Lee has got the hardest job in football, says Everton's no nonsense full-back John Bailey.

The Merseyside defender the only man at Goodison Park to play in EVERY game last season — told MATCH WEEKLY:

"I feel every sympathy for the boss. His is the hardest job in the League just because he is on Merseyside.

"We finished fourth from bottom of the First Division last season, but if Liverpool had finished third from bottom, people in the City would say Everton had had a successful season.

"It doesn't matter what the boss's past record is. Everton are bred on success and unless he can give it to them he won't be considered to have done his job."

Injuries, says Bailey, were the key to Everton's poor League showing, which almost ended in relegation. Mark Higgins and John Barton suffered broken bones and Geoff Nulty's career was cruelly cut short by a bad knee injury.

And if that was not bad enough, the manager's hopes for a settled side were often wrecked by players earning one and two match suspensions.

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...what wrong?

by John Bailey

"There's no doubt that the changes we had to make had a bad effect on the team," said Bailey. "The boss couldn't name the same side for more than a week or two and results suffered.

"Discipline on the field was a problem, although to be fair a lot of our players received a lot of provocation. True, most teams suffer from it but because of the situation we were in our tempers went first.

"Brian Kidd particularly took a great amount of stick. He was a great player for us but he tends to snap.

"Even so, I thought he was unlucky to be sent off against West Ham in the FA Cup semi-final. I was only a few yards from the incident with Ray Stewart and I couldn't believe it when Brian got the blame."

One of the greatest mysteries for Everton fans was the contrast between the team's League and cup form. They picked up only nine points from 12 league

Aldershot in the third round on January 5 and meeting West Ham in the semi-final. "We felt our name was on the

games between beating

"We felt our name was on the Cup," says Bailey. "With the exception of Ipswich we never played a First Division side and always played at home. And in the Ipswich game we played better than any time during the season.

"But we couldn't keep it going in the League and often were unlucky to lose to late goals.

"Our form reminded me of when I was at Blackburn and we were relegated. We often played well but our luck was out.

"The gap between the top and bottom of the First Division is so small. When we played United at Old Trafford we made them look ordinary — and they finished runners-up to Liverpool.

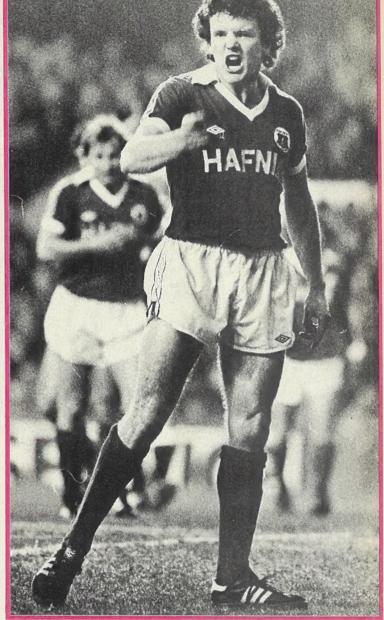
"Obviously we were all disappointed with the sort of season we were having. But there's a great bunch of lads at Goodison and after a bad result on a Saturday, we'd go into training on Monday and were able to pick ourselves up."

Despite Everton's sad showing last season, Bailey is confident there will be no repeat next season.

"Last season was a fluke," he maintained. "A club like Everton, one of the biggest in the country, doesn't finished from bottom and stay there.

"We've got several young lads coming through like Joe McBride, Gary Megson and our new signing from Dumbarton Graham Sharp.

"Joe and Gary have learned from their first season in the top grade and Graham has been scoring a lot of goals in Scotland and has a promising future," says Bailey.



John Bailey: 'Last season was a fluke. One week we were great . the next terrible!'

Everton's twenty year form

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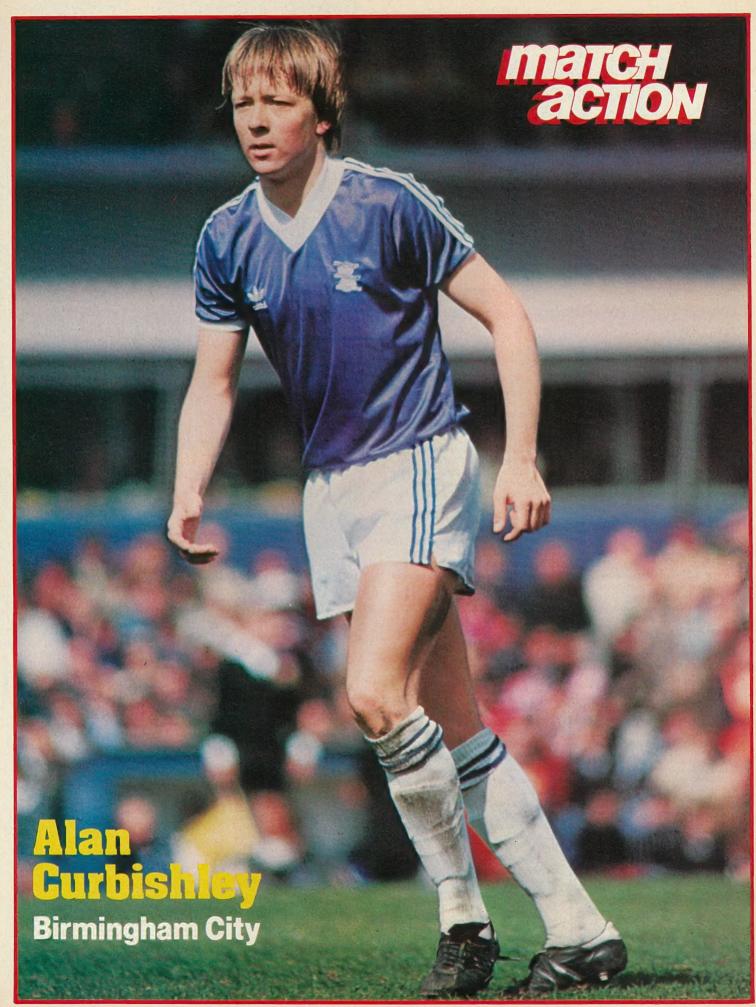
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DAVID PRICE (Arsenal) v IFK Gothenburg, European Cup-Winners' Cup, quarter-final, first leg, at Highbury, March 5, 1980.

IT HAS been a cruel season for Arsenal, but it did have its high spots, none more so than the 5-1 home drubbing of the Swedish cup holders from Gothenburg, which produced a beautifully executed goal in the 39th minute.

39th minute.
Scorer David Price recalls: "John Devine took a return pass from Graham Rix and knocked it forward to Brian Talbot to play it into Liam Brady's path.

Brady's path.
"Brian made a run into the box and when Liam's cross went beyond the far post he scissor kicked it over his head and I was there to stroke it in.

it in.
"Terry Nell and Don Howe said at the time it was the best midfield goal they'd seen and it was the best team goal I'd been involved with."

GOLDEN

Rix Price Nordin

Price Sunderland

Hysen Olaffson

Royle waits on Bond

FORMER England centre-forward Joe Royle played a waiting game during the European Championships — hoping John Bond would increase his £60,000 bid to make him a Norwich player for the start of the season.

Royle has never played outside the First Division and was delighted when Norwich first approached Bristol City. Although he's now agreed terms with Norwich, Royle must wait while the two teams argue over the fee.

He said: "Norwich have offered me a good contract and the move gives me the chance to further my career. They've always impressed me as a progressive side and John Bond is a champion of attacking play.

"I've never been associated with relegation before — at **Everton and Manchester City I**



Joe Royle - hoping to transfer from a Robin to a Canary.

was always concerned with winning things — and it got a bit depressing at Bristol City last season.

"The balance of the side was wrong — we lost three left-footed players and our attitude at times was wrong. Sometimes we were more concerned with the opposition than ourselves."

Luton snatch Yùgoslav star

LUTON boss David Pleat has snatched Yugoslav international defender Raddy Antic from under the noses of the giants of Spanish football.

Pleat met Antic, a 30-year-old sweeper who was with Spanish first division side Zaragoza last season, when he attended the European Cup final.

Within a matter of days he'd lined the tall defender up as Luton's first major foreign signing.

Last season Antic was regarded as one of the finest defenders in Spain. Vujadin Boskov, the manager of Real Madrid, described him as the best defender in the country on his day and it was only because he wanted to leave Spain when his contract ended that the **English Second Division club** were able to move in.

The popular Yugoslav has won five full, six B and eight under-23 caps for his country.

CO

EDDIE Kelly is getting ready for a Second Division challenge next season . . . still believing he can do a job in the First.

The 29-year-old Scotsman used his vast experience to guide Leicester City's talented youngsters to promotion last season.

But instead of returning to the top flight — where he collected League and cup medals with Arsenal before moving on to Queens Park Rangers — he is starting afresh with Notts County.

'I could have played in the First Division — no bother," said Kelly, who was given a free transfer by Leicester after rejecting their offer of a new contract.

"Obviously I'm sad to be leaving Leicester in a way, but I just didn't regard their offer as good enough.

"When Jock Wallace first came

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Bob's a whisky winner again

IT'S a wonder Bob Paisley is ever sober enough to lead his trail-blazing Liverpool side.

He's won so many prizes in the Bell's Whisky Managers' Awards that his wife must be thinking of serving it up instead of tea!

For a record fourth time, the Liverpool boss was voted Manager of the Year for the season just gone, receiving a cheque for £2,500 from Bell's chairman Raymond Miguel.

The divisional winners were John Lyall of West Ham (Division Two), George Kerr, Grimsby (Division Three), and Huddersfield's Mick Buxton (Division Four). They each received £500 and inscribed salvers. Leicester's Jock Wallace received a special award of £500 and salver.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Czechs cheer Mike

ONE disappointed spectator at the dreary opening game between Czechoslovakia and Germany was Czechoslovakia and Germany was Wales' manager Mike England. The new Welsh boss was in Rome to keep an eye on the former European Champions because they are in the same World Cup group as Wales.

He was disappointed but certainly not disheartened to see the ageing Casch wide struggle against the

Czech side struggle against the Germans in the Italian sunshine. He said. "It was a terrible game. Nothing to watch at all. We shouldn't be frightened of the Czechs if they can't do any better than that."

England can wait

A DELIGHTED late arrival into Turin on the night England failed to beat Belgium was a very suntanned and healthy-looking Bob Houghton, manager of Swedish league leaders Fresh from leading his team to the

Fresh from leading his team to the top of the League and victory in the Swedish Cup, Houghton said. "It was very disappointing to see England play like that today."

Houghton was in Turin to meet up with old friends and acquaintances from the England camp before flying on to Athens where he was due for interviews with one of the leading Greek clubs.

"I would like to get back to England to work," he said. But I think I could

to work, he said But I think I could enjoy a year in Greece before going back to England, maybe in two years I have been out of English football for over ten years

Woodcock waits

ENGLAND star forward Tony Woodcock, whose name continues to be linked with rich Spanish club Barcelona, is adopting a wait-and-see

As he relaxed on the veranda of the England hotel he told Match Weekly: "It's nice to know that a big club like



Tony Woodcock

uld have ed in the t Division?

But Kelly chooses County

to Leicester I told him I was unhappy and at the beginning of last season I signed a one-year contract in the knowledge that I would get a free transfer at the end of it.

"Joining Notts County is a convenient move but it wasn't that which influenced me. They impressed me last season as a side with a nice blend of youth and experience and I think they will do well.

Leicester twice beat Notts County 1-0 last season but I felt County were the better side both times.

"A lot of people are saying Leicester will struggle next season but I don't agree. I know they're a young side but they had the year together last season and they'll be OK in the First Division."

Kelly's 25-mile switch to Meadow Lane means he will renew his midfield alliance with Don Masson. They were colleagues in Dave Sexton's skilful Queens Park Rangers side.

And there's another Loftus Road connection because, on the same day that Kelly signed, County paid £50,000 for utility player Raschid Harkouk.

The 24-year-old Londoner will be used as a striker at Meadow Lane and he's delighted about

"I scored quite a few goals as a front player at Crystal Palace but never got the chance to play there during my time with Rangers," he said.

"They always played me wide but I'm sure I can get goals regularly and this move offers me the chance to prove it."



Above: Eddie Kelly — delighted with his move from promoted Leicester to Second Division Notts County.

Barcelona are interested in signing me, but at the same time I am quite happy in Germany with Cologne.

If Cologne receive a big enough offer maybe they will not want to refuse it, but I still have a contract to run and it's just a matter of waiting

Gates are down

THE opening games of the European Championships failed to produce the hoped-for attendances. Only the Italy-Spain clash in Milan produced a crowd of any real size, with 46,357 turning up at the San Siro

Crowds for the first round were:
Czechoslovakia v West Germany
(Rome) 10,500 (52,000 Lire),
Holland v Greece (Naples) 14,990
(52,000 Lire), England v Belgium
(Turin) 15,186 (64,000 Lire), Italy v
Spain (Milan) 46,367 (216,000

Top crowds in Italy have been well above these figures in recent years. The best international attendance

was for a friendly when Italy met France in 1978 and 66,158 paid 128,000 Lire

Hat-trick for Corrigan

MANCHESTER City's long-serving goalkeeper Joe Corrigan, who continues to live under the shadow of Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton

of Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton in the international goalkeeping stakes, showed his prowess on the field during training in Italy.

Corngan scored a hat-trick in a five-a-side match at the England hotel. When Emlyn Hughes asked Peter Shilton why he couldn't do the same for his side, Shilton replied: "It might help if I got a pass."

Regarding his long-suffering battle for a place between the sticks for England, Corrigan said: "You have to look upon it as a spur to keep doing better and prove you are worthy of a place in the team. Obviously it's very frustrating for me but that only makes me work all the more hard."

Forest pitch gets a £20,000 facelift

NOTTINGHAM Forest's much maligned City Ground pitch is being given a new £20,000 facelift during the close season.

That's the figure being spent on digging it up, rotavating and then re-seeding in a bid to give the European Champions a surface that will stand up to a long hard season.

A similar amount of money was set aside 12 months ago for installing new draining but this new work had to be done to get the best possible use from it.

Said manager Brian Clough: "We've had terrible problems with our pitch despite the fact that we've had one of the best groundsmen in the country. We just hope this work does the trick."

In yet another bid to alleviate the problem Forest are also taking delivery of a protective 'tent' in time for next winter.

Clive Allen tells
Trevor Haylett
about the goals
that made him a
man in a million







IF MILLION-POUND teenager Clive Allen adds up as accurately as he shoots for goal then he'll already know how valuable his 30 goals were last season

For Arsenal's dramatic entry into the 'big-spenders' league means that they've forked out £40,000 for each of the spectacular efforts that made Allen the hottest young property in the game!

Twelve months ago Allen had played just four games in the Football League with QPR.

Now he's on the threshold of an exciting season with Arsenal, £50,000 better off following his £1.2 million pound move.

Allen talked Match Weekly through each of those 30 goals

Left: Allen accepts the congratulations of his team-mates after putting QPR ahead against Chelsea direct from a free-kick.

for QPR and we've reproduced them in a table below.

But don't ask him to set any targets for the coming season. All he's concerned with at the moment is getting in the team.

Allen said: "The great thing about going to a club like Arsenal is that you don't join a team, you join a squad. Nobody is guaranteed a place and it will be a challenge to get in the side and stay there.

"My first priority will be to work hard and contribute to the

team effort. Any goals that come my way will be an added bonus.

"The money doesn't worry me — I can't visualise what a million pounds looks like — and there'll be no more pressure on me than the other Arsenal lads, who will be expected to produce another season like the last one."

Allen's goalscoring ability owes most to a determination to have a go when the chance seems on — even if the ball ends up over the stand seven times out of ten.

Goal-by-goal	Date Aug 18	Opponents Bristol Rovers (h)	Result (OPR score first) 2-0
2	Aug 25	Leicester (h)	1-4
3	Sep 8	Fulham (h)	3-0
4&5	Sep 22	West Ham (h)	3-0
6	Sep 25	Mansfield (a) (League Cup, third round	
7	Oct 6	first leg) Watford (a)	2-1;
8&9	Oct 9	Cardiff (h)	3-0
10&11	Oct 27	Burnley (h),	7-0
12	Oct 30	Wolves (h) (League Cup,	1-1
13	Nov 3	fourth round) Bristol Rovers (a)	3-1
14	Nov 10	Luton (a)	1-1

Allen's analysis

I was fouled and took the free-kick on the edge of the area, blasting the ball into the top left hand corner.

I went for a header inside the box and got kicked in the face. I took the penalty myself and drove it to the middle of the goal. I couldn't remember any more of the game after that and I passed out in the dressing-room.

Stan Bowles gave me a through ball just inside the penalty area. As the 'keeper narrowed the angle I side-footed it past him with my right foot.

My first was the most satisfying goal of the season as a lot of the family are West Ham fans and I live in the West Ham area. I stood on the ball for a free-kick but Stan Bowles waved me away. I walked past the two-man wall and then ran on to Stan's pass which went the other side and clipped the ball over Phil Parkes. The second was a header at the far post about six yards out.

My BEST of the season. I was given the ball 35 yards out, went to go one way, checked inside the defender, and slid the ball past the 'keeper on the edge of the box as he came out.

The bell went to Stevie Burke on the wing. He beat his man, crossed it, and from six yards out I managed to toe it home.

The first was a penalty which I put to the 'keeper's right. Stan Bowles put me through for the second — I side-stepped a defender on the edge of the box and toed it under the 'keeper.

The first — another penalty. Barry Wallace made the second — running at the defence and slipping it to me inside the box. I hit it with the outside of my left boot into the corner.

A direct free-kick 25 yards out. I hit it down the side of the wall and it skidded under Paul Bradshaw.

We had a counter-attack and Stan gave me the ball as I crossed the half-way line. As the 'keeper came out I slid it under him from the edge of the area.

We were 1-0 down with ten minutes to go when I got the ball 25 yards out. I went round two defenders to the corner of the six-yard box. The 'keeper dived to his far post and I clipped it above his body into the net at the near post. It was probably the most DIFFICULT goal of the lot.

And his skills around goal have been sharpened through talks at home with his father Les, a League and Cup winner with Spurs in the early 60's, and QPR reserve-team coach Theo Foley.

But don't expect him ever to improve on his best season which came when he was 15. Then he scored a total of 100 goals.



DIARY OF A SUPERSTRIKER

Clive Allen heads QPR's second goal in their 3-0 home win over West Ham.

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Goal-by-ge	oal Date	<u>Opponents</u>	(QPR score first)	Allen's analysis
15 & 16	Nov 24	Chariton (h)	4-0	The first was a penalty to the 'keeper's right. The second came from a mistake — an attempted back-pass fell to me and I tucked it into the corner from the 18-yard line
17&18	Dec 18	Chelsea (h)	2-2	The first was a free-kick from outside the area which went past the wall and into the top left-hand corner. The second was my most SPECTACU-LAR of the season. Glen Roeder knocked a cross in with a minute remaining and us trailing 2-1. It went behind me, I took off for an overhead kick and the ball went in off the post.
19	Jan 1	Birmingham (a)	1-2	The EASIEST of the season Steve Wicks headed a corner on at the near post and I side-footed it in at the far post.
20	Jan 12	Notts. Co. (h)	1-3	A similar goal to the Luton one except I was on the left side of the goal. Gary Waddock fed me, I slipped the centre-half and clipped it in at the near post with my left foot.
21	Feb 2	Swansea (h)	3-2	A twice-taken penalty. I blasted it to the centre of the goal — it hit the 'keeper's foot and went in!
22&23	Feb 16	Oldham (h)	4-3	Tony Currie took a free-kick. I lost the defender and hit it from 20 yards into the top right hand corner with my right foot! The second was a penalty to the 'keeper's left.
24	Feb 23	Preston (a)	3-0	The best TEAM goal. Tony Currie sent Paul Goddard away wide on the right. He went past the defender, knocked it in to the far post and I came sliding in to score from eight yards.
25	Mar 8	Burnley (a)	3-0	Steve Burke curled in a "Liverpool-ball" (one behind the defenders). I chested it down and hit a half-volley on the edge of the box into the right-hand corner of the net.
26	Apr 8	Orient (a)	1-1	The ball was crossed in from the right and came to me on the penalty- area line. I spun round a defender and blasted it in off the underside of the bar.
27	Apr 12	Cambridge (h)	2-2	I hit a right-foot shot from 25 yards on the volley and as it bounced on the hard ground it flew wickedly over the diving 'keeper.
28&29	Apr 19	Charlton (a)	2-2	Don Shanks crossed from the edge of the box and at the far post I knocked the ball under the 'keeper.
30	May 3	Wrexham (a)	3-1	I was desperate to score my 30th goal in the final game. I had a couple of chances which went begging and then hit a shot from the edge of the box which the centre-half dived to push away. Thankfully I scored with the penalty.
				ponary.



The 'Kaiser' comes home

'KAISER' Franz Beckenbauer, captain of West Germany's victorious 1974 World Cup team, is returning to Europe to play for Hamburg now that Kevin Keegan has left for Southampton.

Beckenbauer is still a very popular player in West Germany, where his former team Bayern Munich recently clinched the

Left: Franz Beckenbauer returning to German football. Bundesliga title ahead of Hamburg on the last day of the season, and his signing is expected to satisfy some of the club's demands for a star player.

Beckenbauer played 103 times for West Germany, led them through two World Cups, won the 1972 European Championship with them, and led Bayern Munich to a European

Cup hat-trick.
Since 1977 he has been playing as a midfield man for Cosmos of New York in the North American Soccer League.





Erwin Vandenbergh . . . on target for the Golden Boots award.

Schalke can breathe again

SCHALKE 04, banned from the Bundesliga next year because of their debts, have been given a reprieve by the West German Football Federation.

They will be allowed to continue playing in the league next year on condition that league officials can have regular checks made on the club's accounts.

The club has won the league seven times and the cup twice in the 76 years since its founding in 1904, but had run up debts totalling a reported £800,000.

Fame at last

LITTLE-KNOWN Erwin Vandenbergh has shot himself to fame in Belgian and European football this season by blasting 39 league goals in 34 games for Lierse to become the most-likely winner of the famous France Football-Adidas Golden Boot.

The boot is awarded annually to the top goalscorer in Europe. Vandenbergh's nearest challengers are Schachner of

Austria Wien and Fazekas of Upjest. Top-placed British player is Southampton's Phil Boyer whose total of 23 goals in 42 games puts him in 15th position. Vandenbergh led the Belgian

Vandenbergh led the Belgian attack throughout the European Championship. He is only 21 and was one of Belgium's biggest stars when they won the Euro Youth Tournament in 1977.

Match Weekly Special Offer

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World Cup star on the move?

MARIUS Tresor, the elegant French sweeper who made great impact in the 1978 World Cup, could be on the move to Bordeaux from his present club, relegated Marseilles.

The international defender is not keen on the second division and is likely to move as soon as the French transfer market opens up during the close season.

Punishment for Pereira

LUIS Pereira, Atletico Madrid's languid but brilliant Brazilian defender, has been in trouble again. He has been suspended by his club for four matches because of his indiscipline in recent games, including an argument with the referee in the Real-Atletico Madrid derby. This follows an unhappy and unsettled period for Pereira in Madrid and may be the last straw for him before he moves back to Brazil

More world news next week

HAPPINE The secret behind 15 years at Upton Park

F I believed everything I read in the newspapers I'd be heading towards
Southampton when next season's ball starts rolling.
For at the close of last season there was plenty of talk in the media that Lawrie
McMenemy was about to link my talents with those of my big mate, Kevin Keegan.

As I found when I was on the transfer list at West Ham, a player is often the last to learn of any transfer interest from another club.

I certainly didn't hear anything from Southampton. But it's amazing how the stories get

THE BROOKING STORY
The fourth and final part of

his intriguing story.

Only the other week, a very good journalist friend of mine rang me at home to ask if it was true that I'd been staying in Southampton for the past few

I may have been dreaming but I swear I was no further south than my home in Essex!

I'd be very flattered if there was any truth in the rumours that Southampton wanted me. But I can't really see me leaving West Ham.

I've had 15 really happy years at Upton Park, apart from the unsettling period I mentioned last week. And I'm enjoying my football now as much as ever.

All my family and friends are centred in the Essex area and I've got a few business interests here. So it doesn't really make sense to move — especially now I've past the age of 30.

People often ask me why I've remained loyal to West Ham — especially after we were relegated to Division Two.

The answer can be summed up in one word: happiness. The Hammers' system of letting players do their own thing and not restricting them to a rigid system has suited my game perfectly.

I'm not certain I would have enjoyed the game so much if I'd moved to a bigger club. There are not many clubs like West Ham who are prepared to give their players a free rein.

I've talked with Mike Channon about his move to Manchester City and although things didn't always work out well and he eventually rejoined Southampton he says the experience did him good. Perhaps it would have done

Perhaps it would have done me good. But perhaps it wouldn't. I may not have enjoyed adapting to a new system of play and my game may have suffered.

and my game may have suffered.
West Ham have always looked after me well financially and I had a successful testimonial a few seasons back. So the urge to move for money was never there either

My one ambition now is to repay the Hammers by helping them regain their Division One status.

There's no doubt the top flight is the only league to play in — and it was a major



Probably the happiest moment of 15 happy years at Upton Park . . . Brooking celebrates the final whistle in this year's Cup Final.

disappointment when we went down.

I miss the atmosphere created by the Anfields and Old Traffords and with all due respect I sometimes don't look forward to playing at places like Oldham and Cambridge.

Because of our reputation a lot of the sides in the Second Division are determined to stop us playing.

The ball by-passes the midfield and you walk off with frustration and neck-ache from watching the ball fly over your head.

But I'm confident we'll be OK next season if we can be a bit more consistent and score a few more goals.

It's funny because we've always had a reputation as a team who score goals — but concede a few as well.

This season the reverse happened. And while we must endeavour to maintain our defensive improvement a lot of the early-season training will be

geared to scoring more goals.
I see Derby as being our
biggest danger from the three
relegated clubs. Their new strike
partnership of Alan Biley and
Dave Swindlehurst really came
good and I feel that if the season
had gone on another month

Soalscorer and England International

Derby would have stayed up.
Blackburn will be the pick of
the trio that comes up from the
Third Division. Howard Kendall
has organised the team superbly
and I was very impressed with
Noel Brotherston during the
Home Internationals.

Despite Chelsea going so close last term I'm still not convinced that they're good enough for promotion. They don't score many goals and I think the squad isn't strong enough.

Looking further into the future I can only predict success for West Ham. We've always had a reputation for bringing on our own players and the youth set-up is more organised now.

Turn overleaf



Left: Pop Robson - a handicap

What I do away from football

AWAY from the pressure of the football pitch you'll very likely find me at home surrounded by a mountain of books.

I'm the financial director of a firm that deals in brochure and book-binding.

I keep all the books and bank statements and sort out the wages of the same people who will very likely stand on the terraces and cheer me on the following Saturday afteroon.

It gives me a complete break away from the game and means I can go to training the next morning mentally alert.

My business interests also give me the freedom to get out of football when my contract runs out in three years' time

I'll be 35 and if I decide not to stay in the game as a coach or manager I'll have the independence to be able to concentrate on my business interests full-time.

At the moment I've got a completely open mind. I've received the full FA coaching badge but I'm not sure that the pressures and uncertainty of a football manager are for me.

The business interests take up a lot of my spare time. Apart from the book-binding I help out on the P.R. side of a firm that trades in iron

And I do some work for a firm involved in the gas business.

Ine day

weeks for the highlight of my football career. Whatever else happens I don't think I can better scoring the winning goal in an FA Cup final.

The game with Arsenal also ranks as my most memorable match. Everybody wrote us off before the game and that made victory so much sweeter.

When we beat Fulham in the 1975 final we were expected to win.

Another fixture I'll never forget was the '76 European Cup Winners Cup semi-final with **Eintracht Frankfurt**

We lost the first leg 2-1 but I scored two in the second legone with my head! — to help us to a 3-1 win.

One of the funniest stories I remember from my Hammers' days concerned Patsy Holland although he won't like me for repeating it.

We were playing at Bristol City and I recall it was a very hot day. Patsy came into the dressing room dying for a drink and reached for the nearest bottle. He took a couple of gulps but quickly discovered it was detergent and not orange squash that he was swallowing.



THE BROOKING STORY

The fourth and final part of his intriguing story

He had to go to hospital and have his stomach pumped out. Although it was serious at the

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I WENT to my brother Tony's wedding as best man ended up marrying the bridesmaid!

Tony was wed in 1968 to a Finnish girl who had come to London with a friend to work as an au pair.

Her friend Hilkka was bridesmaid at the wedding. We got talking and arranged to go out together. Before long we were engaged and got married in 1970. Hilkka knew nothing about football when we first met but now she's an avid follower.

She's also my fiercest critic. When I return from a game and ask for her verdict I know I'm always going to get the truth no matter how much it hurts!

Rather than say I played well when clearly I hadn't she'll say: 'you played like a lemon today

Buck your ideas up!'

It's good for me because I'm a casual type of person and can jog along quite content with life. I need a kick up the backside now and again.

We've two children, Collette aged 5½ and Warren (23 months)

I hope Warren will play a lot of sport when he's older but there's no way I'm going to force him to be a footballer. I won't toss a ball at him the minute he starts

But football is a fabulous career and if he shows a certain amount of football ability I won't try and talk him out of earning a living from it.

When I'm not with the family, I love to relax away from football with a game of golf or tennis.

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time the lads often laugh about it now.

My career has also granted me the privilege of playing with some of the best footballers in the world. Johann Cruyff made a big impression on me when Holland beat us 2-0 at Wembley. He was brilliant that night.

Bobby Moore's use of the ball from defence never ceased to amaze me when we were team-mates at Upton Park and my admiration for him is matched with respect for Franz Beckenbauer who did a similar job with the West German team.

One of the greatest players I've played with has to be Kevin

Keegan. My partnership, with him on the field just comes naturally. Contrary to what some believe we don't work on it in training.

It'a a partnership that has paid dividends time and time again. And we've been fortunate that it's produced spectacular goals like those in recent seasons against Denmark, Scotland and Italy.

All the credit must go to Kevin and his unflagging stamina. His fantastic workrate means that he is constantly looking for the ball and is one of the first people I spot when I've got it.

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In the summer when I've got a bit more time I can usually get my handicap down to 18. But in the winter it's back to 22 or 24.

I used to play with
Sunderland's Pop Robson when
he was with West Ham and he's
a bit special. He plays off a
handicap of three.

In the England squad several of the lads like a game. Just before we left for Italy I teamed up for a foursome with Steve Coppell, Ray Wilkins and Trevor Cherry.

I'm a member of a local tennis club at Brentwood but again it's a question of finding the time to fit it in.

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TREVOR'S TRAIL

THE Trevor Brooking story season-by-season. Here are his appearances in every competition for West Ham since his debut against Burnley on August 29, 1967. The seven European appearances were in the European Cup Winners Cup. England caps exclude the recent European Championship finals in Italy.

Lge (Goals) **England** caps Season LgeC 23+2 sub (9) 1967/68 3 (1) 1968/69 29+3 (6) 1969/70 21 (4) 1970/71 17+2 (2) 1 II-23 9 (1) 1971/72 40 (6) 1972/73 40 (10) 5 full 1973/74 38 (6) 36 (3) 1974/75 3 (1) 1 + 1 sub 34 (5) 1975/76 42 (4) 1976/77 37 (3) 1978/79 21 (2) 1979/80 37 (3) 415 + 7 (63)32 + 5 (2) full Total

MATCH WEEKLY



THE GOALS THAT CONTROL OF THE SEUTOPORO EUTOPORO EUTO

IF EVER a team were near and yet so far from glory then it was England in their crunch European Championship clash against Italy.

It's history now that it was Italy's Tardelli who scored the only goal of the game just 10 minutes from the end. But it could have been so different.

Twice England crashed the ball against the Italian woodwork, and after linking neatly with Ray Kennedy, Kevin Keegan had a left foot effort superbly saved by 'keeper Dino Zoff.

MATCH WEEKLY photographer Duncan Cubitt was in the packed Stadio Communale in Turin to capture the goals that got away.

Left: Ray Kennedy lashes a superb volley past the outstretched leg of Gentile only to see it smack against Dino Zoff's left hand post. Looking on is Graziani (20).

smack against Dino Zoff's left hand post.
Looking on is Graziani (20).
Below left: It's chaos in the Italian penalty
area as a cross from England's right flank falls to
Sansom on the far post. Zoff fails to reach the
England full-back's right foot shot but again the
ball canons off a post. Pictured left to right are:
Steve Coppell, Bettega, Benetti, Collovati,
Tardelli, Zoff and Sansom.
Below: Kevin Keegan can't believe it as Zoff

Below: Kevin Keegan can't believe it as Zoff gets down well to claw his left foot shot past the post. Ray Kennedy, who laid on the chance, looks on expectantly.







Cortoon

Hey, boss, you said it was a 'four pointer' on Saturday . but on here we only got TWO



That's strange — it's supposed to be a non-returnable bottle."



"It's no good, darling, I love you so much I just can't leave.



IAN Shearn, of Midsomer Norton, Bath, kicks off this week's Football Funnies with a story about the Irish referee who called both captains together before kick-off

Looking up at the sky, he commented Now lads. I think it's going to be foggy later to as this is a cup tie we'll play extra time Tiles to

Next comes a funny from Jaspai Sanghera, Southall, Middlesex, who take us about the goalkeeper who let in nine goals
"Why can't you be like Peter Shilton." mouned his manager

Probably because you're not Bit ! Clough," came the reply

Nicholas Lamb, Bottisham, Cambridge, keeps it short and sweet with: "Did you have about the Irish penalty taker? The goalkeeper sent him the wrong was

When the mice met the insects in a briendly, the latter lost 8-0 because only to turned up. After the match, they rushed round to see the contipode and asked him

Where were you You said you'd play Came the unhappy reply, "I wanted to out I'm still putting my boots on " Nathan Bell, Flinthill, Dipton, Stanley, Co

Durham, is responsible for that little gem Do you think you could do better? Then

why not try. It's an easy way to pick up £2 pocket money — although we can't guarantee your entry will be used. If you know a funny story or joke, about football true or talse, why not send it in - on a

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"I'm sending you on in a minute, Ralph — get warmed up.



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Fatigue It's my one work of the state of the

SOONER or later we'll take a leaf out of the book of the Germans, Dutch, Italians and the rest of Europe for that matter - and reduce the number of games we subject our top players to year after

I hate to say 'I told you so' but in my Match Weekly column in the June 7 issue I said that one of England's toughest opponents in Italy would be fatigue.

It's history now that we didn't win the European

Championships, but I wonder how much closer we would have got to the trophy if our players had not been at the end of such a demanding season at home

By the same score I wonder if Arsenal would have beaten Valencia in the European Cup Winners' Cup had they not been on their knees

I feel certain in my own mind that if the slate were clean and

both sets of players fresh, Arsenal would have beaten Valencia eight times out of ten and drawn the other two!

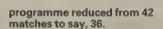
I'm equally convinced that the performance we put up against Hamburg to retain the European Cup would have been that much better had we gone into the match a little less jaded. Who knows, we might even have beaten them 2-0!

We give the continentals a start on us because of the demands we place on ourselves and that's got to be daft. What I would like to see is our League

> THE BRIAN CLOUGH COLUMN







were justified.

I realise that causes complications and in the early stages of introduction it would cause a lot of disappointment and maybe confusion.

But it's one answer to the now annual problem that top English clubs and our international team have to face.

What I'd also like to see straight away is the odd little change in our own competitions to help the top clubs get away from this massive fixture congestion.

Take the League Cup, for example. We have to play in the second round - and that's fair enough - but why should we have to do so on a home and away basis.

I know the competition is partly designed to make money for the lowly clubs but I'd rather see the second round matches being dealt with on a knock-out basis and, as compensation, give the Third and Fourth Division clubs a bigger share of the pool.

I'd do the same in the television deals that are negotiated because the low clubs need a bigger bite than they are getting at the moment in order to survive.

But my main concern is Nottingham Forest and trying to reduce our commitments if it is

LEFT: A consoling gesture from Pat Jennings to Graham Rix after Arsenal's defeat by Valencia too many games robbed them of humanly possible. Even the removal of one match from our calendar would give us a rare free week at some stage of the season and I'm sure we would find the benefit.

It has got to a ridiculous stage this year and far from being the part timers they are often labelled some of my players are having a devil of a job even getting a couple of weeks holiday with their families.

We had to keep our players together in the build-up to the European Cup Final and then, of course, Peter Shilton, Viv Anderson and Garry Birtles shot off with England for the European Championships.

They have just returned from Italy and we report back for pre-season training on July 12 to begin our build up to the new season.

Until he was injured, fitting Trevor Francis in for a holiday was going to be one of my biggest headaches. I was even going to bend my own rules and allow him to miss the start of pre-season training.

Trevor was planning to go to America on holiday and I told him he could link up with us when we play there on tour. I wasn't very happy about the arrangements but there was no other way out.

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All change for Mark Lawrenson (left) and Brian Horton, pictured in attractive company trying out the new all-blue, British Caledonian-sponsored Brighton strip to be seen on many grounds next season.



Ricardo Villa of Spurs will be looking to repeat his debut goal against Forest



Jack Charlton . . . tough start against Newcastle.

KEEGAN v Allison . . . that's the fascinating Football League curtain-raiser set for Saturday, August 16.

Following his £400,000 transfer to Southampton from Hamburg, England captain Kevin Keegan returns to the First Division in what promises to be a sell-out confrontation with Malcolm Allison's Manchester City at The Dell.

Three days later Saints are in London and in front of another capacity crowd for the visit to Arsenal, where £1 million teenager Clive Allen will make his home debut. Then it's up to Wearside where Sunderland, back in the First Division are sure to give the European Footballer of the Year a mighty welcome.

Birmingham, face a tough baptism back in the 'big league'. After a local derby with Coventry at home, their League fixture list reads like a Who's Who of Soccer millionaires . . . Forest (away), Manchester United (home), Southampton (away) and

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Liverpool (away)!

Relegated Bolton, Bristol City and Derby would no doubt happily swap Brum's problems for their own Second Division pipe-owners. All three are away on the opening day . . . to Notts County, Preston and Cambridge respectively.

Jack Charlton's Sheffield Wednesday are almost certain of a 30,000 plus crowd for their opening Division Two match at Hillsborough for the visit of Newcastle, while promoted

Grimsby and Blackburn travel to

Shrewsbury and Cardiff.
Other key games in the First Division to look out for include the City v United derbies at Old Trafford on September 27 and Maine Road on February 21 and Liverpool v Everton on October 18 at Goodison and on March 21 at Anfield.

Next week . . . Don't miss the full list of Division Three and Four

fixtures.

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Heading for home . . . Kevin Keegan wins an aerial duel with Belgium's Eric Gerets. Next season he aims to be flying high with Southampton.

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IT'S QUIZ TIME

HOW'S your soccer knowledge? See how many of these questions you can answer correctly. If you get all 15 right you could be in the running for the Brain of Sport title, which our question compiler, Julian Pincher, held in 1978. Between 9 and 14 correct and you are a pretty knowledgeable fan. Below 8 — keep practising and reading MATCH WEEKLY EVERY WEEK

- 1. Who was voted Scottish Footballer of the Year by the PFA?
- 2. Which team did Stamford defeat to win the 1980 FA Vase?
- 3. Name the youngest man to play in an FA Cup Final.
- Which team won this year's Welsh Cup?
- 5. Name the footballer Spurs recently paid Aberdeen £800,000 for.
- 6. Name the managers of the following League clubs a) Blackpool b) Bristol City c) **Raith Rovers**
- With which club did Dave Watson begin his League
- 8. From which club did Nottingham Forest sign lan Bowyer?
- 9. Which former England international was nicknamed the Preston Plumber?
- 10. Name the former Liverpool player Mike England recently appointed his trainer coach.
- 11. Who scored Argentina's only goal in their 3-1 defeat by England at Wembley?
- 12. Only one country has played in the final stages of all 10 World Cup competitions. Name them
- 13. Name the last team before Aberdeen to break the **Rangers and Celtic** domination of the Scottish Premier League
- 14. Name the Polish goalkeeper who prevented England from qualifying for the 1974 World Cup with a brilliant display at Wembley.
- 15. The individual record of 14 European Cup goals in one season was set in 1963 by which AC Milan player? Answers on page 35.

.YOUR QUIZ AND PU

How to find the name Put the initials or stated letters in the appropriate squares to identify the mystery player.

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Ì	A NAME?	
	Leader of the pack who plays at Molineux	2,7
	Brian Clough's side-kick	1,3
	A Third Division team which reached the semi-finals of the League Cup	6,10
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Home Internationals

Has this team got the

These officials have to be present

London club managed by Jimmy Bloomfield

Merseyside Blues?

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Clues Across

- 1. WBA and England forward
- **Current Scottish Premier Division Champions**
- Long serving Spurs midfielder.
- 10. Football League Cup Winners of 1971-72.
- He plays for Brighton but his name is an anagram of Forest!
- Team-mate of 12 across.
- Maybe it's Revie, maybe it's Masson.
- Six-foot-two Coventry defender. 16.
- 17. Brum City Mark.
- 18. Red-haired Coventry striker, formerly with Dumbarton.
- 21. Where this year's European Championship final takes place.
- If the ball is ----- by a player other than a goalie, then a freekick or penalty could result.
- He plays for 10 across.
- Bolton have Paul, Norwich have David and Spurs have Chris.
- Getting a --- is an easy way of moving onto the next cup round.

- 1. He gained an F.A. Cup Winners medal this
- year. (7) Cup match.
- Turn Dr Gores into a Bristol City regular (anagram).
- One of Mal's men.
- -- Matt Busby.
- WBA Brendon, formerly with Cambridge and
 - Highbury's Mr Reliable. (3, 8)
- In short, a Scottish club.
- 11. Division Two side from Lancs.
- Supporter.
- 14. Spurs all-action Welsh international.
- A Hawthorns hero, formerly with Villa.
- 18. He moved from Ipswich to Norwich for £120,000.
- You'll find 'em at Elland Road.
- 20. Everton goalie but not George Wood.23. A well judged --- could go over the goalie's head into the net.

THERE are prizes galore on this week's HALF TIME page. In addition to the portable cassette radio player and five footballs being offered in the Spot the Difference competition (right), we are offering five more leather footballs in the crossword competition. Why not have a go? The questions are easy and the prizes absolutely FREE — so

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YOUR QUIZ AND PUZZLE PAGE.

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CAN you spot the differences between the two cartoons on the right? Find them and you could win a superb portable cassette radio player absolutely free. That's the first prize in this week's Spot the Difference competition. And there are five top quality leather footballs to be won as runner-up prizes.

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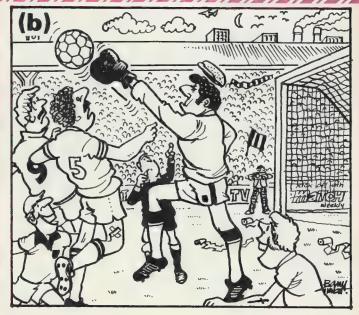
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IPLACE THE FACE

Can you name these players and the clubs they play for? Answers on page 35.







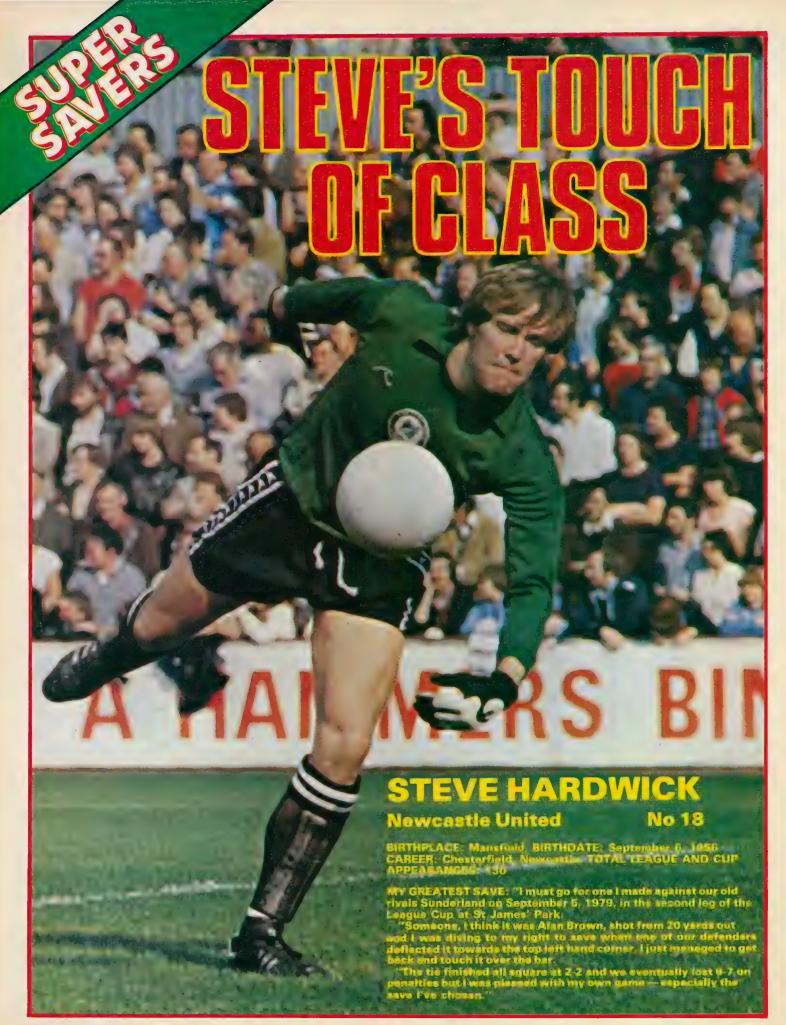


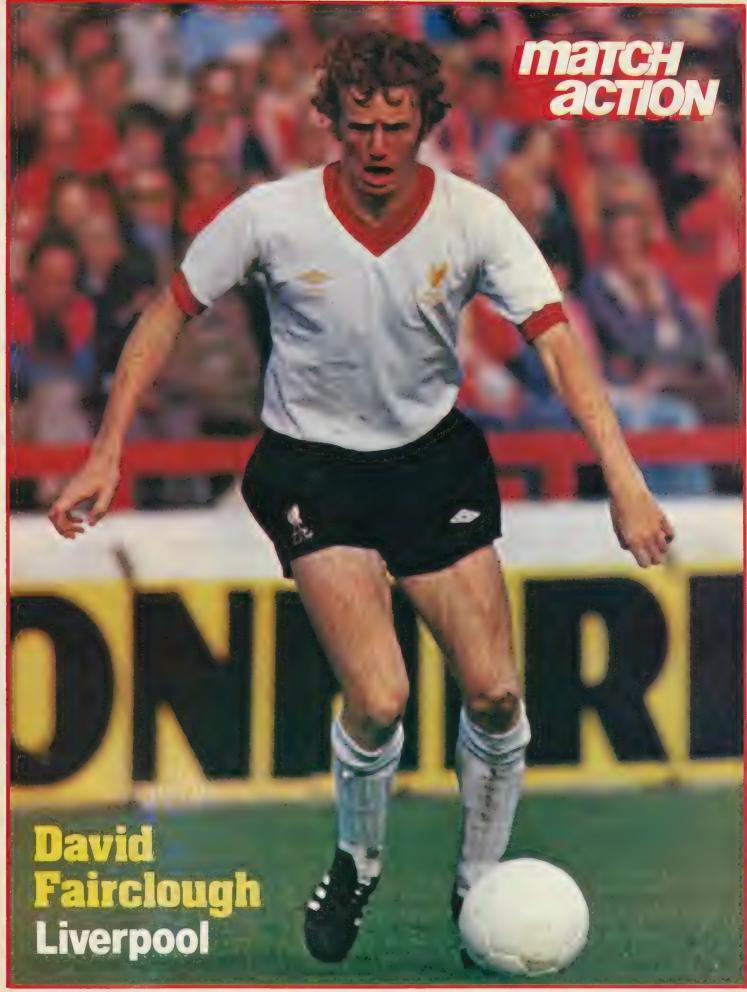


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Disappointed by Yorath I'M DISAPPOINTED and disgusted at Terry Yorath's attitude during the recent Wales, Northern Ireland game. He was in an argument and Jimmy Nicholl put his hand on him in a sporting manner but it was roughly knocked away. I know the Home Internationals can be tense games but that's no excuse to be unfriendly and unsporting. Cathy Parker (16), Eccles, Manchester

TERRY Yorath — the Welsh captain's attitude disappointed Cathy Parker.

Give us more teams

THE introduction of the Scottish Premier League in 1975 could hardly have caused more disruption to football north of the border.

It has ruined great clubs like Hearts, Hibs — and almost forced Dundee to go part-time.

But it has given other teams the confidence to challenge Celtic and Rangers and at long last another side, Aberdeen, has won the League Championship.

I would suggest an alteration to improve the Premier League — have 12 or 14 teams. And with more entertaining football more spectators might come along to give us the money to stop our best players leaving for England.

Gordon Watson, Edinburgh

Let's get on with the game

VERY rarely do the big games like the FA Cup Final and England v Scotland get off to a lively start. What's more, the uncertain start often leads to a dull game.

I can't help feeling that this is caused by the prolonged ceremonials that force the teams to kick their heels for up to ten minutes before kick-off.

If players could run on to the field, kick-in for two or three minutes and then get on with the game, players and spectators alike would be happier.

E. Bickford, Essington, Wolverhampton

England are still tops

WHY are the Home Internationals no longer used as the qualifying round for the World Cup? That way we would actually be able to find out which is the best team out of the four countries.

Take Northern Ireland's Championship victory this year. There's no way they are the best team — England are.

Clifford Ward (12), Richmond

Brilliant yo set a fine ex

Ipswich are so underrated

IPSWICH Town must win the League title soon. They can't keep finishing so near and yet end up with nothing to show for it.

They have a good manager, eleven super players and a good back-up of up-and-coming players.

Ipswich are very underrated by the media and the larger clubs capture more of the limelight, but the Liverpools and Man Uniteds must fall soon.

Karen Revell (16), Laxfield

You must be joking, Ardiles

HOW biased can Osvaldo Ardiles get? He must be joking when he says that Argentina will still be the club to beat in the 1982 World Cup.

The current team has only three good players — Fillol, Passarella and Maradona. By the time the World Cup arrives it will be down to one as Passarella will be too old and Maradona almost certainly playing for a foreign team.

So wake up Ardiles and think before you write such utter rubbish in future.

Adam Neary, Cheshunt

How to settle an argument

MAY I suggest a new competition similar to the Charity Shield to be played between the First Division and the Scottish Premier League champions. The game could be played in either two legs or by playing at Wembley and Hampden on alternate years.

It would be a money-spinner . . . just imagine the interest in games like Celtic v Liverpool, Rangers v Man United or Aberdeen v Arsenal. It would also settle the argument about who has the best league, England or Scotland.

Stephen Conway, Aberdeen

I WOULD like to congratulate the England and Scotland schoolboys for providing one of the most exciting games ever seen at Wembley.

Liverpool top the TV charts

MY TABLE of 'Match Of The Day' appearances last season proves the popular belief that the top clubs are shown too often.

Division One: Liverpool 13, Man Utd 10, Arsenal 8, Man City 7, N. Forest 7, Everton 6, Spurs 6, Wolves 6, Coventry 5, Leeds 5, Southampton 5, Aston Villa 4, Bristol City 4, Norwich 4, West Brom 3, C. Palace 3, Derby 3, Ipswich 3, Brighton 3,



WELCOME to Outraged the weekly column which stems from many of the outraged views we receive each week from MATCH WEEKLY readers --- and which, in turn, outrage Match writer, Trevor HAYLETT. Why not outrage him still further - and win £2 in the process - by sending in your controversial and outrageous views to MATCH WEEKLY. And if you want to comment on his comments, go ahead.

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It was cleanly contested with plenty of goals and with brilliant stars on both sides.

The older players should take note of the

youngsters and play attacking football in a similar sporting manner.

David Kennedy (15), Eyemouth, Berwick.

Middlesbrough 2, Stoke 2, Bolton 1

Division Two: Luton 5, Sunderland 5, Newcastle 4, Watford 4, Wrexham 4, QPR 3, West Ham 3, Birmingham 2, Leicester 2, Fulham 1, Burnley 1, Cambridge 1, Notts Co 1, Cardiff 1, Preston 1.

Division Three: Sheffield Utd 2, Sheffield Wednesday 2, Oxford 1, Swindon 1, Blackburn 1, Grimsby 1, Millwall 1, Non-league: Harlow 1, Yeovil 1.

Shaun Twitchen, High Wycombe Buckinghamshire

I'm sickened!

I'M SICK of people going on about there being nothing to choose between Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton. In my opinion there's nothing to choose between Pat Jennings and Ray Clemence — and both are better than Shilton.

Jennings was absolutely superb against my team, Liverpool, in the FA Cup semi-finals. In the second replay at Villa Park Terry McDermott hit a shot with all his might but still Jennings saved it.

Santosh Ghosh (13), Bradford



PAT Jennings — the Spurs and N. Ireland goalkeeper is on a par with Ray Clemence and better than Peter Shilton, says Santosh Ghosh of Bradford (see 'I'm sickened!').

OUTRAGED!

Hampden fans disgusting

I WAS disgusted at the way the so-called Scotland supporters applauded and chanted when Ray Clemence was injured during the Scotland v England game.

And when they booed their own team at the end of the game it summed up their poor attitude. The Scots must face facts — they've a long way to go before they make any kind of impact in world soccer.

T. Vincent, Isle Of Man

You can't really blame the poor Scots. Not having anybody in the England goal was the only chance they had of scoring.

No way to treat Forest

I WAS outraged by the Stan Bowles episode at Nottingham Forest. Brian Clough invested £250,000 in him but the player has been inconsistent.

Then to cap it all Bowles runs away from a place in the European Cup Final and calls Clough a dictator. It was no way to treat Forest or Forest's fans.

Ben Ackroyd (14), Toton, Notts

• I, too, was outraged but I've got some sympathy for the player. Bowles has had to suffer Cloughie's taunts on more than one occasion this season and the frustration of constantly losing his place was just too much for this talented player.

Keep our players at home

I'M outraged at the way some English footballers go off to play for non-English teams and yet still play for England. Shouldn't this be changed?

K. P. Ellis, Hemel Hempstead

• Don't be such a nut K.P. Nobody ever expects to play for England. All our 'exiles' try and do is make sure that they will be released from their new teams if selected for England. We should be grateful that they care so much about their national team.

Scots need new faces

I KNOW Eddie Gray is getting on a bit but even at his age he could still do a better job in the Scotland team than a few I could name.

The Scotland team that lost to Northern Ireland in the Home Internationals was a disgrace. They weren't even good enough to get in the first team of a club side.

Scotland should look to players like Leeds' Arthur Graham and Derek Parlane and Allan Evans of Aston Villa.

Paul Newman (12), Stourbridge

● From what I saw of the Scotland team in the Home Internationals Denis Law, Jim Baxter, and Billy Bremner could still do a better iob. WORLD CUP BROCHURE

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I'm staying, says Ritchie...

ANDY RITCHIE has just signed a new contract which will keep him in Scotland for the next three

That's good news for all Scottish fans -- and particularly those who follow Morton.

Ritchie is one of an increasingly rare breed - a player who can add hundreds to the gate receipts just by turning up, the kind of unpredictable personality who pulls in the customers with his blend of super skills and tremendous goals yet who always has time to play it strictly for laughs.

So how does Andy feel about players taking off in all directions and on huge transfer fees?

"I'm not in the least envious," he says. "I said I would stay with Morton if the terms were right. The made me a good offer so that was that

"Besides, I have always believed that contract or no, if a club wants you and the price is right then a transfer is on.

The economics of the game in Scotland make sure of that."

In the season just finished Andy was in second place behind St Mirren's Doug Somner in the scoring charts, managing an impressive tally of 26 goals in all matches.

And unpredictably as ever the one he remembers the best of the lot was scored way down at Bristol City.

"It was the Anglo Scottish Cup semi-final, first leg. We were 2-0 down with just 18 minutes to go when we got a free kick some 30 yards out. I said to myself 'right Ritchie it's head down and have a

"I gave it the lot. The goalkeeper never saw it. Come to think of it, neither did I. But it hit the net and set us up for a 2-2 draw, although we eventually went out because we lost a last-minute goal in the return at Cappielow."

As far as Scottish matches go, the one Andy recalls with relish was the League Cup quarter final second ieg against Kilmarnock.

'After 90 minutes we were tied on a 5-5



Andy Ritchie . . . staying with Morton

aggregate and it was on to penalty kicks. Killies' Bobby Street missed one and so it was Morton who went into the semi-finals.

"Actually it was a great season for everyone concerned," he adds. "The league championship went right to the last game and both Aberdeen and Dundee United, who won the League Cup, proved that the Old Firm are not getting things all their own way.

Personally I can't wait for next season. And I look forward to talking to you about it again



Glory boys

Paul McStay (left) lifts the Dentyne Trophy aloft after leading Scotland to a dramatic 5-4 Wembley win over England in the schoolboy international. McStay, who received the trophy from Mr John Telford Beasley (left), scored twice as did John Sludden, with Alistair Dick scoring the fifth. England's goals came from Swindon's Paul Rideout (3) and Paul Wimbleton.

Smith stays

ERIC SMITH, the former Morton and Hamilton Accies boss, has just signed up for a second term in the United Arab Emirates with the Sharjah Club.



SCOT'S CORNER SCOT'S CORNER



Boyd goes free

BARNSLEY have signed forward Gordon Boyd who has been freed for the second time by Rangers.

Boyd, who first moved south to Fulham on a 'free', returned home midway through last season and rejoined the Ibrox club, but they have now decided against offering him a further contract. He joins ex-Celtic star Ronnie Glavin at Barnsley.

Kennedy's chance

FORMER Rangers goalkeeper Stewart Kennedy will shortly get the chance to prove the club wrong in giving him a free transfer

Stewart, capped five times by Scotland in 1975 but dropped after the 5-1 defeat by England at Wembley, has joined Second Division Forfar. They meet Rangers in the League Cup Second Round at Station Park on August 27 and Ibrox on August 30.

Germany bound

CELTIC are heading for West Germany as part of their pre-season preparations. They will spend a week at the West German sports school in **Duisburg from July 15 for work** and study of the way they do things in the Bundesliga.

Ghent capture

STRIKER Jim Gillespie of Queens Park has signed a two-year contract with Belgium first division club Ghent. Gillespie, who is 22-years old, had also been offered terms by Sheffield United and Barnsley.

Final table

	P	W	Rin.	D	E	A	Pts	ĸ
Aberdeen	36	19	7	10	68	36	48	
Celtic	36	18	7	11	61	38	47	
St Mirren	36	15	9	12	56	49	42	
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Danners	36	15	1#	7	50	46	57	
Morton	36	14	14	8	51	46	36	
Partick	36	11	11	14	43	47.	36	
Kilm'n'ck	36	11	14			52		
Dundee	36	10	33	6	47	73	26	
Hibernian	36	6	24	6	29	67	18	

Super season, that's a fact!

THAT WAS the season that was - and what an exciting one for fans in Scotland.

Aberdeen created perhaps the biggest upset by coming from behind and finishing in front of Celtic by a nose. They took the title in the very last match of the season and created something of a record by being undefeated by the Old Firm of Celtic and Rangers in no fewer than 13 out of fourteen meetings.

Dundee United too grabbed the spotlight when they took the League Cup for the first time ever. Aberdeen were again involved but Jim McLean's side destroyed The Dons in the final replay.

Congratulations too to St Mirren who proved themselves first of all in the Anglo Scottish Cup by winning the trophy. They also finished third in the League and so won themselves a place in next season's UEFA Cup.

Personality of the year was Aberdeen's dynamic midfield player Gordon Strachan, with the controversial Alan Rough and St Mirren's top scorer Doug Somner not far behind.

Key: Euro — Dundee Untd, Aberdeen (UEFA Cup), Celtic (Champions Cup), Rangers (Cup Winners' Cup): Lge — Scottish League games, FAC: Scottish FA Cup; LC — Scottish League Cup; GC — Glasgow Cup; AS — Angle Scottish Cup; DC — Drybrough Cup; P/U — Players Used; M/A — Most appearances; T/S — Top Scorers and goals; Pos — Position; CS — Clean sheets.



Flashback to December . . . Dundee United's manager Jim McLean and skipper Paul Hegarty hold the Scottish League Cup.

Right: Doug Somner . . . St Mirren's ace striker.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Team	Euro	Lge	FAC	LC	GC	AS	DC	Total	P/U	M/A	133
ABERDEEN	2	36	5	11 .	-		1	55	21	Steve Archibald, Bobby Clark, Stewart Kennedy (49)	
CELTIC	6	36	6	6	2	-	3	59	24	Peter Latchford (59)	(
DUNDEE	_	36	1	6	-	4	-	47	23	Ally Donaldson (47)	1
DUNDEE U	4	36	2	9	-	2011	2	53	26	David Narey (51)	-
HIBERNIAN	_	36	5	4	-	2	-	47	29	Ally Brazil, Ralph Callachan (42)	
KILMARNOCK		36	1	- 8	-	2	_	49	21	Alan McCulloch (49)	
MORTON	_	36	3	7		6	_	52	19	Roy Baines (51)	
PARTICK T	110	36	3	4	1	4	_	48	24	Alan Rough (45)	-
RANGERS	6	36	6	4	1	1-1-	3	56	24	Derek Johnstone (51)	
ST MIRREN	-	36	3	4	-	8	-	51	18	Billy Thomson (49)	

All William of the		
T/S Steve Archibald (20)	Pos 1	CS 17
George McCluskey (18)	2	22
Ian Redford (now Rangers) Eric Sinclair (both 13)	9	5
Willie Pettigrew (22)	4	27
Ally McLeod (10)	10	5
Bobby Street (12)	8	9
Andy Ritchie (26)	6	16
Colin McAdam (22)	7	13
Derek Johnstone (20)	.5	19
Doug Somner (32)	3	10



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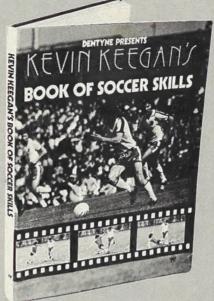
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PRIZE WINNERS AND QUIZ ANSWERS

Spot the Difference No 15 Spot the Difference No 15
Solutions: 1 No 5 on shirt
blackened; 2 Lace missing off flying
boot; 3 Banner now reads 'Unite'; 4
Defender's badge now all black; 5
Defender on floor now has hairy
arm; 6 Ball now has spots; 7 Extra
sign on billboard; 8 Extra divot of grass; 9 Toilet roll on pitch; 10 No 5 has new stripe on sock

Spot the Difference No 16 Solutions: 1 Banner now reads City; 2 TV black on billboard; 3 Linesman's flag now black; 4 Photographer missing; 5 Defender has changed strip; 6 Spectator's glass now full; 7 Smoke rising from pipe; 8 Spectator's cap now spotted; 9 Extra policeman; 10 United banner now stripey.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION No 37 CROSSWORD SOLUTION No. 37 Across: 1. Daglish 6. Powell 7. Ryan 8. Shilton 9. Spot 10. Jordan 11. Pele 12. Ally 14. Hoddle 15. One 16. Solo 17. Stevenson 18. USA 22. Draw 23. Eric Steele Down: 1. Derek Johnstone 2. Liam Brady 3. Swain 4. Swansea 5. Alan Taylor 6. Pat Jennings 8. Stapleton 13. Lyons 16. Sound 19. Ajax 20. Dai

Crossword Answers No 38 Across 1. Colin Viljoen 7. Aitken 8. Match 10. Chandler 11. Thomas 13. McGovern 14. Nil 16. Tie 17. Stadiums 19. Sub 21. Visitors 22. Rix Jown 1. Charlton 2. Late goal 3. Needham 4. Latchford 5. Osman 6. John Robertson 9. Talent Scouts 12. Scott 15. Ipswich 18. United 20. Neal 21.

What's in a name solution:

PETER SHILTON

A. Emlyn Hughes 2.7. B. Peter Taylor 1,3. C. Swindon Town 6,10. D. Northern Ire-land 12,7. E. Everton 4. F. Orient 11. G. Referee and Linesman 5,9.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Davie Provan 2. Guisborough 3. 1. Davie Provan 2. Guisborough 3. Paul Allen of West Ham 4. Newport County 5. Steve Archibald 6. a) Alan Ball b) Alan Dicks c) Gordon Wallace 7. Notts County 8. Orient 9. Tom Finney 10. Doug Livermore 11. Daniel Passeralla 12. Brazil 13. Kilmarnock 14. Jan Tomasiewski 15. Altafini

Place the face solution

(a) Chris Woods, QPR (b) Murdo McLeod, Celtic (c) lan Walsh, Crystal Palace (d) Des Bremner, Aston Villa (e) Don McAllister, Spurs.

Winner of the stereo record player in the Spot the Difference No 15 was: Alan Wallace, Farnborough,

5 Runners Up Receive a Football: David Gillard, Liverpool 8. Andrew Bastow, Gillingham, Kent. Andrew King, Gorleston, Gt Yarmouth, Nor-folk. Patrick Jacobs, Dagenham, Essex, RM10 7TL. Gary Chapman, Harlow, Essex

Winners of the Crossword No 37 were: Michael Torr, Stapenhill, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs. Darren Purcell, Wrenbury, Nr Nantwich, Cheshire. A Humphrey, Wateringbury, Maidstone, Kent. Paul Cox, Maidstone, Kent. David Drewry, Kirkby, Merseyside.

STEREO WINNER

THE winner of the Ferguson Stereo record player in the Spot-the-Differ-ence No 16 was David Murtagh of

ence No 16 was David Murtagn of Tilehurst, Reading.
The five runners-up, who each receive a leather football, are: Derek Carr, High Wycombe, Bucks; David Lane, Northolt, Middx; Leyton Broad, Oakenshaw, Redditch, Worcs; Kevin Girling, Ipswich, Suffolk; and K. F. Wong, Moss Side, Manchester. Manchester.

WINNERS of Crossword No. 38 were: Martin Stevens, March, Cambs; lan Robinson, Banbury, Oxon; lan McKay, Uttoxeter, Staffs; Steven Austin, Enfield, Middx.; and Christopher Hull, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancs

BIRTHDAY TEAM

Our Team of the Month for July really puts the accent on experience

There's Don Revie, former England manager now based in the Middle East; team managers Alan Durban (Stoke) and Allan Clarke (Barnsley);

Liverpool's Ray Kennedy. And England adds to its representatives with Viv Anderson, Steve Coppell, Alan

Sunderland and Garry Birtles.
Here's our star-studded July
team. Players dates of birth are shown in brackets after the name and then follows present job, former clubs and honours



Above: Ray Kennedy

JAKE FINDLAY (13) (Luton, ex-Aston Villa); VIV ANDERSON (29) (Nottm Forest, England, Under 21, 'B'); ALAN DURBAN (7) (Stoke manager, ex-Cardiff, Derby, Shrewsbury ex-Cardiff, Derby, Shrewsbury player, assistant manager and boss, Wales); STEVE SIMS (7) (Watford, Leicester, England Under-21, 23); RAY KENNEDY (28) (Liverpool, England, ex-Port Vale, Arsenal, Under-23); DON REVIE (10) (Leeds adviser, Al Nassar boss, ex-Leicester, Hull, Man City, Sunderland, Leeds player and manager, United Emirates manager, United Emirates manager, England player and manager, Football League, 'B'); STEVE COPPELL (9) (Man United, England, Under-23, United, England, Under-23, ex-Tranmere); ALLAN CLARKE. (31) (Barnsley player-manager, ex-Walsall, Fulham, Leicester, Leeds, England, Under-23); GARRY BIRTLES (27) (Nottm Forest, England, Under-23); ALAN SUNDERLAND (1) (Arsenal, ex-Wolves, England, Under-23, 'B'); JOHN HOLLINS Under-23, 'B'); JOHN HOLLINS (16) (Arsenal, ex-Chelsea, QPR, England, Under-23, Youth).

